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## PANAMA INCIDENT CLOSED THROUGH EXPLANATION

Great Britain Concedes Use of Wireless by English Collier Was Improper and Entire Affair Is Concluded.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Additional notes to the British embassy today from the British minister at Panama clarify the situation as to the use of wireless by British colliers in canal waters.

In regard to the unusual use of wireless recently, it is said the British collier Proteus, while in the canal waters received a radio message from outside the three-mile limit. The collier's captain did not undertake to reply to the message, which was directed to the British consul at Panama, but endeavored to forward it to the consul through the American port captain. The latter refused to transmit the message and caused the wireless apparatus of the Proteus to be sealed until she departed from the zone.

It appeared that the captain of the Proteus had not received official information of the new regulations prohibiting the use of radio outlets in the canal, except upon canal business, but notwithstanding that the British authorities censured the attempt to use the wireless was improper and therefore the incident was regarded as closed.

The immediate result of the incident was to send American naval vessels to the canal zone to safeguard neutrality.

### TWO DIE WHEN HIGH SCAFFOLDING BREAKS

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—Walter S. Dickenson, a vaseline actor, was killed and five others dangerously injured when a scaffolding on a hotel in the course of construction here collapsed. Dickenson's skull was fractured when he was caught under the falling structure as he was walking along the street. All the other injured were workmen on the building.

Sanders Kenner, a negro, one of the injured workmen, died late this afternoon.

Theatrical friends of Dickenson, among whom he was known as "Rufe," said his home was in Lincoln, Neb. He was married there just summer. His wife is now in Danville, Va., where she went to spend the Christmas holidays.

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## NATIONAL GUARDS SHOULD BE MADE PART OF ARMY

Speaker at Annual Meeting of Illinois State Soldiers Proposes Muster of Militia as Federal Troops.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A plan in line with President Wilson's "citizen soldiers" was submitted here today by Lieutenant Colonel Charles D. Davis, at the meeting of the Illinois National Guard and Naval Reserve association.

Under the proposed plan militia regiments would be mustered out of the state service and into the federal, but would retain their state designations. Thus the first infantry of Chicago would become the First Illinois Infantry, U. S. A.

The present community system of recruiting for these regiments would continue as at present.

### MUST SACRIFICE DANCES TO LEARNING OF TACTICS

New York, Dec. 28.—The days of "pure poms" soldiers in this state are numbered, said Major General John P. Ryan, commander-in-chief of the New York state National Guard, in a statement today explaining the recent order disbanding the Twenty-second regiment and its formation into two battalions of engineers.

The hardwood door of the regiment's armory in this city is to be torn up, so that the members of the new battalion can have no practical experience in engineering work, such as digging trenches.

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## Low Cotton Price Worse Blow than Emancipation

South Harder Hit by Failure to Realize on Staple Crop Than When Lincoln Freed Slaves, Say Lecturer.

Bordentown, Tex., Dec. 28.—Peter Radford, national lecturer of the Farmers' Union, and agricultural expert, has given out an interview on the hundred and thirty-five million dollar cotton holding plan, in which he presents the farmers' viewpoint of the subject. Mr. Radford wants to know what has become of the money and invites the co-operation of the business interests of the nation in warehousing and financing the cotton crops of the future.

The value of the 1914 crop is six cents less per pound or \$180,000,000 less than the value of last year's crop," said Mr. Radford. "This is a greater financial blow to the south than the freeing of the slaves.

"The Farmers' Union asked Congress to meet the emergency by lending money on cotton so as to enable poor farmers to hold their crop, but the request was rejected, or rather modified by the government agreeing to join with the bankers in providing a fund of \$125,000,000 for lending on cotton.

The anti-trust law had a special construction placed upon it, the patriotism of bankers was appealed to and headlines full of hope were flashed across the columns of the leading newspapers of the nation for a few months, but—where is the money? No farmer has ever seen a dollar of it.

"There is nothing quite so destructive to those in distress as false hope, and if this movement which has been so persistently heralded to the world has failed, we are entitled to know it.

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